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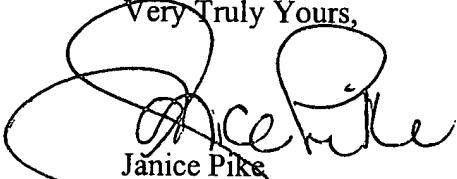
Re: "Processing Apparatus with Sensory Subsystem for Detecting the Presence/Absence of Wafers or other workpieces"
Semitool's File # P97-0016US3
Your File # P1022US

Dear Bob:

Semitool assumes complete responsibility for the above captioned matter. You may now remove this application from your docket and bear no further responsibility for this application.

Please forward to us immediately all communications you may receive regarding this or any related applications.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.

Very Truly Yours,

Janice Pike
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hanson, Kyle M.

Application No.: 09/891844

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: 06/26/2001

For: PROCESSING APPARATUS WITH SENSORY SUBSYSTEM FOR
DETECTING THE PRESENCE/ABSENCE OF WAFERS OR OTHER
WORKPIECES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Director, Group 1763

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY (37 C.F.R. section 10.40(c))

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO WITHDRAW

1. I, an attorney signing below, respectfully request permission to withdraw from all further responsibility in this case, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. section 1.36.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF CLIENT

2. The last known mailing address of the assignee of the entire interest is:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION 37 C.F.R. Section 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being:

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BASIS FOR WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

3. The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. section 10.40(c)(5), which allows withdrawal when the client knowingly and freely assents to the termination of employment. As set forth in the attached letter from the client, the client has assumed all responsibility for this application.

ALLOWANCE OF TIME FOR CLIENT TO ACT

4. Status of this Application: Unknown

NOTIFICATION OF CLIENT

5. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. section 10.40(a), a copy of this request, including attachments, is being sent to the client.

NUMBER OF COPIES OF REQUEST

6. This request is enclosed in triplicate.

SIGNATURE OF WITHDRAWING PRACTITIONER

7. Signature(s) of the attorney(s) withdrawing (or signature of an authorized attorney on behalf of an attorney withdrawing)

Date: 4/24/02



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